



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Mr. Brice Barnes, Treasurer
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MAR 22 2016

RE: MUR 6916
Houston Barnes for Congress Committee
and Brice Barnes in his official capacity as
treasurer (the "Committee")

Dear Mr. Barnes:

On March 2, 2015, the Federal Election Commission notified the Committee of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On March 15, 2016, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by multiple respondents, that there is no reason to believe the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116, 30118, or 30119 by making or receiving prohibited in-kind contributions in the form of data and analytical tools and no reason to believe the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116 or 30118 by making or receiving prohibited or excessive in-kind contributions in the form of coordinated communications. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which explains the Commission's findings, is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith McCoy, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Blumberg
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis